



About Coffee

Coffee plants are grown for production of coffee beans or ornamentally as an attractive house or patio plant. They grow beautiful, star-shaped, white flowers that offer a jasmine-like fragrance, followed by two-seeded green berries that gradually mature to a deep red/black color. Often times a new coffee plant will not produce these berries, which later become coffee beans, for several years after germination.

When to Plant

Because of the patience and time needed to care for coffee plants and, because they're easiest to take care of as indoor plants, the question of when or what season is not as important as it may be for other plants.

Where to Plant

Coffee plants are best kept as indoor plants. We recommend maintaining a consistent temperature of about 75 degrees F.

How to Plant

Before planting indoors, soak your seeds for 24-48 hours. It's a good idea to pre-germinate your seeds, by sowing them into a damp sand or wet vermiculite that has been drained. It can take up to 6 months for coffee seeds to germinate, so patience is key. Once your seeds have germinated, gently transfer to 1" holes in loam soil. Place the seed with the flat side downward and lightly cover with soil. Do not compress the soil down. Placing a 1/2" of mulched grass will help retain moisture. Water daily, being mindful not to over water.

Caring for Coffee

Place the plant under artificial lighting. Water once a week, and allow the planting vessel to drain. Then water again later in the week with fertilizer, allowing it to drain fully again. It can take 2-3 years for a coffee plant to flower, and it may never produce cherries. To encourage flowering, reduce watering during winter months. Once spring arrives, water the plant well to shock it into producing blooms. Best results are seen in high-altitude areas closely regulating conditions to stimulate the coffee plant's native climate.